

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 10, 11 and 61-77 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend the remaining claims as follows:

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1. A method for increasing the sensitivity of a bacterium to an antibacterial agent comprising contacting the bacterium with an antibiotic potentiator, wherein said potentiator is an acyl hydrazide or an oxy amide.

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims/Formalities

Claims 1-79 are pending in the application. Claims 41-43 stand withdrawn. Claims 1-40 and 44-79 are under examination and stand rejected, variously, under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103. The specific grounds for rejection, and applicants' response thereto, are set out in detail below.

The examiner has objected to claims 44-77 as substantial duplicates of claims 28-40. Applicants point out that claims 44-60 are method claims, whereas claims 28-40 are composition claims. Claims 61-77 have been canceled herein.

The examiner states that references were not received with the Supplemental IDS filed on June 12, 2002. Applicants did submit the references at that time, but a second set are being provided with this response.